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Dear Bruce:

For some time we have been working on a project to assist the intelligence community, particularly the requirements components, in the selection of priorities for intelligence collection. In an expanding technological environment where collection has become a major expense and where alternative systems are now, or will be available, choices must be made.

Recognizing that comparing the relative value of information about economic, military or political factors is a pretty inclusive exercise, as a start we chose to compare the relative value of the different pieces of information relative to the Soviet Strategic Forces. The mechanism used is to feed inaccurate information to the blue planner, play a strategic war game and measure how the outcome varies with the type and accuracy of information made available.

So far we have run some hundred different cases and have some rather interesting interim results which we can present in a status report. Because of the potential impact of our evaluation process we are anxious to insure its validity and applicability. I believe that the reaction of a SAC audience would be very helpful, and, should enough interest be generated, one could even visualize a validation of the approach utilizing appropriate SAC war gaming capabilities.

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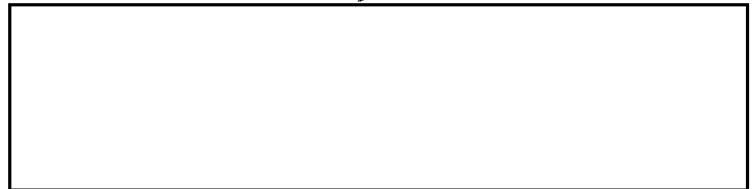
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Our briefing is designed for our Director so it should be in a suitable form for CINCSAC should that be desired, however, we are prepared to spend whatever additional time is necessary to go into the details. The briefing is classified TS and will take about 45 minutes (without discussion or questions). While my schedule is fairly loose, may I suggest 6 February 1967 as a possible date?

Sincerely,



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